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Students gather in this 1952 photo outside of FIGI house in preparation for the FIGI Island party, a traditional event which continues to the present day. (Photo courtesy MIT Historical Collections)

Fiji party next Saturday

By Richard Salz

Phi Gamma Delta's bi-annual "Fiji Island Party" will be held next Saturday, May 5. Busses will be leaving from various places around MIT at approximately 8:15pm. Admission to the party is free of charge, but bus tickets cost \$3 per couple.

The theme of the party is a polynesian festival, and "native dresser" is encouraged. Decorations include papier-mâché, models of Tiki gods, murals depicting island scenes, and sawdust on the floor. The location of the party is a secret, known only to the "Tiki gods and a few chosen priests," according to Dan Goldberger '80, who is in charge of running this year's party.

Refreshments will be served, and there will be live music. The punch is a secret traditional recipe, handed down from generation to generation. The

band, Thundertrain, is a Boston-based band. "They've a really good band," noted Goldberger. "They play rowdy rock and roll." He mentioned that they have played at the Paradise and that WBCN aired a tape of one of their concerts this past Tuesday night.

Goldberger is expecting about 1,000 people to attend this year's party, but noted that this is probably a "slight overestimate." Twenty-three busses have been hired. At a cost of \$100 for each bus, renting the busses is "the single largest capital expenditure," he said.

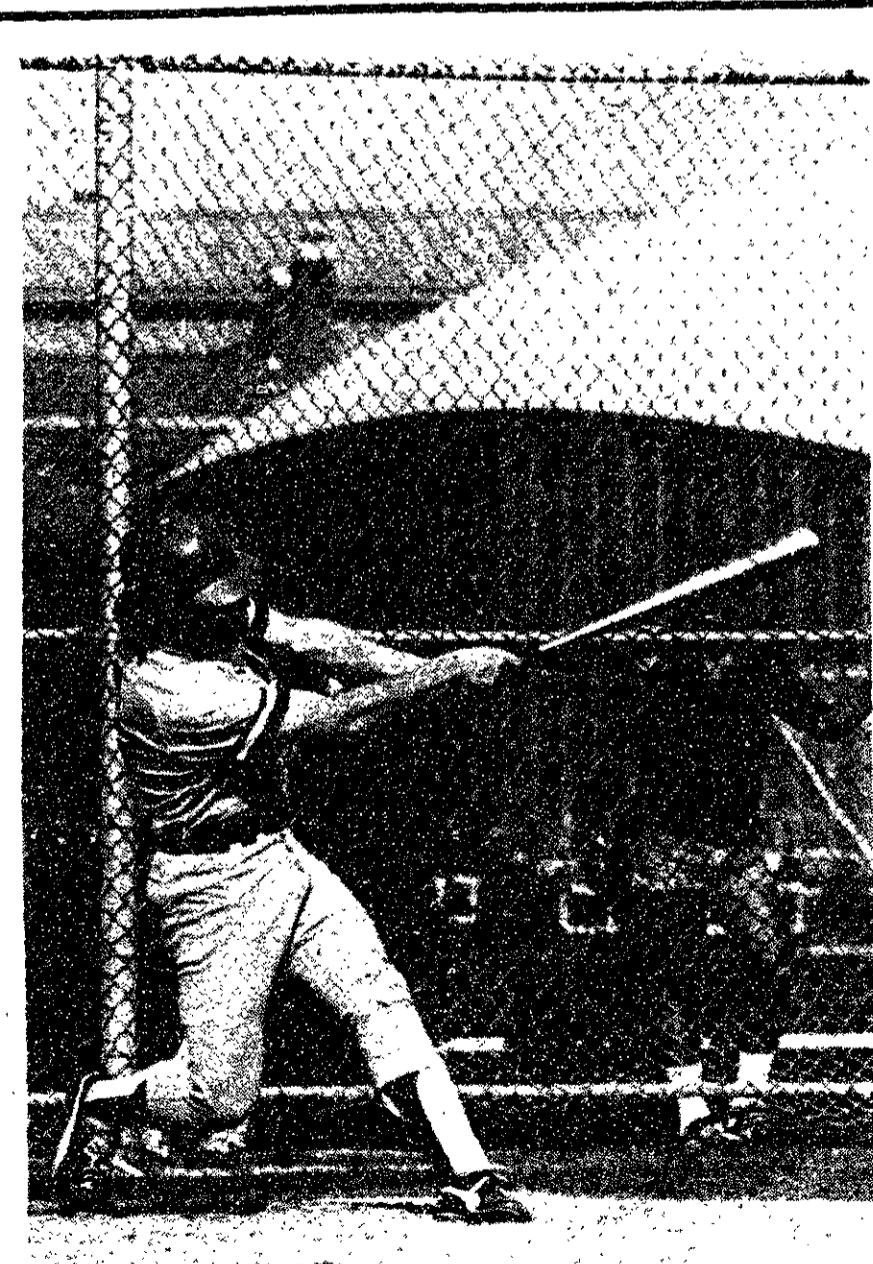
The first island party was held in 1951. In 1965 the party was revitalized, and has been held every two years since then. It was planned to coincide with MIT's "Spring Weekend," now called Kaleidoscope.

This year the party is returning

to Kaleidoscope. "We're very happy about the return to Kaleidoscope," said Goldberger. He noted that he expects to have more people as a result of this, partly due to the increased publicity.

The party will cost about \$5,000. Fiji has budgeted \$2,800 for it, the rest coming from bus tickets, grants from FinBoard and the IFC. Donations have also been requested from any house sending a large number of people.

"My job is to throw a good party, not watch the budget," said Goldberger. "We're going to have some fun. We'd like as much of the Institute as possible to have fun with us."



With a 7-1 win over Suffolk, the varsity baseball team raised its record above .500 and now faces the task of taking on Brandeis, the number one ranked team in New England. See story on page 7.

Bids out on ice rink; work may start soon

By Gordon R. Haff

The final drawings for the new ice rink are completed and have gone out to bid, according to Harry Portnoy, the MIT campus architect. The bids are due back in late May, and if accepted construction could start sometime in June.

Howard Johnson, chairman of the MIT corporation, stated that the Corporation gave the go-ahead for the final drawings in January. Johnson added "usually MIT has followed the prudent course of making sure the money has been received" before starting construction on a new building. In this case, however, the members of the Corporation's Executive Committee, President Jerome Weisner and Chancellor Paul Gray felt that the new rink was first priority for student activities, so they gave the go-ahead even though all the money was not yet in.

To date, \$5.5 million has been received. Johnson estimates that the total construction cost will be close to \$8 million after taking into account inflation over the estimated 18 month construction time.

Almost half of the \$5.5 million received came in during the past year, according to Johnson. He added that this was a major factor in the Corporation's go-ahead decision. Most of this money was received last summer. Ross Smith, Director of Athletics, said "there hasn't been any major change in the money situation since last summer in terms of major gifts."

In explaining why the groundbreaking wasn't in April as was predicted last winter, Ross said there was a "slowdown in getting the final working drawings."

Johnson said that the major problem in getting the money for the new rink has been that alumni tend to mostly support scholarships and academic research programs. He added that he thinks the "alumni sort of take athletics for granted." He said dormitory fund raising has run into the same difficulty.

Johnson does, "believe that we will be successful in raising the rest of the money." He does not see raising the money for Phase II of the new athletic center (which would replace the Rockwell cage) in the near future. A study is going on nevertheless, Smith has put together some preliminary drawings but Johnson says "there would have to be significant start-up [capital] before construction could begin."

The new rink, when completed, will not be open year-round. Instead it will operate as an ice rink from mid-October to Mid-March and can be used as a special events center with about 4500 seating capacity during the rest of the year. "It hasn't proved economically feasible at schools that have rinks [to operate year round] for tax reasons," said Smith. "You cannot operate for a profit."

City council rules on pinball

By Richard Salz

A recent ordinance passed by the Cambridge City Council regarding pinball machines will probably not affect the machines on the MIT campus.

The law, aimed primarily at arcades such as 1001 Plays at 1007 Massachusetts Avenue, requires 500 square feet of floor space for each machine. In addition, people under 17 are prohibited from playing during the hours of 8 to 3pm when school is in session. Also, an attendant must be present at all times.

The fourteen machines in the second floor of the Student Center building are managed by the Student Center Committee, and last year brought in around \$14,000. Meeting the space requirement would not be a problem, according to Eric Sohn '81 since the law allows the entire building to be included in calculating the floor space.

The committee is unsure what it will do about the requirement of an attendant to be present. They plan to discuss it at their meeting this Sunday.

Baker has two machines, managed by dormitory treasurer Wayne Warren '81. Their two new machines bring in about \$90 a week. Regarding the new law, Warren said, "I don't anticipate that it will affect anything," but mentioned that the matter will be brought up at the next executive committee meeting.

Baker always has an attendant on duty.

According to the Cambridge

Licensing Commission, the ruling applies only to those places having at least three machines. This is not mentioned in the new ordinance, however. A member of the commission also said that fraternities and dormitories would be covered by a "pre-existing conditions" clause, and would therefore be exempt. The ordinance, however, says the law goes into effect sixty days after passage for all places with public machines.

Attorney Barry Rosenthal is representing 1001 Plays. The city has tried to close 1001 down four

times in the past. The last time the court said that they could not pass an ordinance regulating pinball machines. Rosenthal said 1001 has filed for the license, and expects to comply with the law.

"If the city does not grant 1001 the license, since they have been operating for two years without one, I expect they could continue to do so," said Rosenthal. He added that the resulting court case would be "defensible" unless "someone gives me a reason why a pinball machine needs 500 square feet." A pinball machine occupies 15 square feet.

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Students may once again be forced to register for the draft if any of eight bills is passed by Congress. Page 4.

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Did you ever wonder what would happen if MIT were to lose its accreditation? Page 4.

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Technique '79, though it has remedied many of last year's complaints, still remains somewhat lacking in comparison to some previous editions. Page 6.

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The intramural softball season is running smoothly this year, and umpire problems that tend to plague other IM's are practically nonexistent. Page 7.

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Two members of the MIT pistol team were named All-Americans recently, and are now preparing for the National Championships with a chance to compete in the Pan American or Olympic Games. Page 8.

news roundup

World

Mid-East peace official — Egypt and Israel exchanged treaty ratification documents yesterday formally ending the three-decade state of war which has existed between the two nations. The ceremonies, initially delayed by a dispute over the text of a side document, took place at a U.S. surveillance post in the Sinai buffer zone.

At the same time, Qatar announced that it would sever diplomatic ties with Egypt, becoming the fourth Persian Gulf country — after Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates — to do so.

PLO warned — Israeli warplanes "buzzed" PLO headquarters in southern Lebanon yesterday, delivering a strong admonition to the terrorists that they "stop fighting and start talking" peace. The intent of the maneuvers was to "demoralize PLO recruits by bringing the reality of war to their very doorstep...."

Nation

Carter campaign commences — Jimmy Carter officially began his 1980 presidency campaign in a visit to New Hampshire — the site of the nation's first presidential primary. In what was described as a "mild delivery" Carter addressed the issue of high energy prices in New England. Results of a recent survey indicate that Carter and Ronald Reagan are equally preferred by voters as presidential candidates. Carter trails Sen. Edward Kennedy as the most popular of the (possible) Democratic contenders.

Local

Bottle bill reconsidered — By a 14 vote margin, current legislation enforcing deposits on certain beverage containers surmounted a Massachusetts House vote on a motion designed to oppose the new bill. While supporters of the bottle bill feel confident that the legislation will go through the House, they are uncertain of how it will fair in the Senate. This is the seventh year that a "bottle bill" has been considered by state legislators.

— Aaron Rapoport

Weather

Rain, beginning today, will continue through tonight. With a southerly flow, highs will be in the middle 60's. For tonight, scattered showers continuing with lows in the 50's. Slow clearing will begin Saturday morning. Highs again in the 60's. Winds will be shifting to northerly by nightfall, dropping lows to the middle 40's. Sunday should be partly to mostly sunny with highs in the low 60's.

notes

Announcements

The MIT Korean Student Association and the New England Korean Society are sponsoring a "Korean graduation party," in MacGregor Dining Hall on Sat., April, 28. Admission free, and all Korean students are expected.

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Feature

Sturgeon's "most daring story"

By Shawn Wilson

I'm going to tell you a story. It's a science fiction story (don't leave yet), entitled "The World Well Lost," by Theodore Sturgeon. Published in the premiere issue of *Universe Science Fiction* in June 1953, it carries the distinction of being "Sturgeon's Most Daring Story." See if you can guess why.

The story takes place sometime in the future (of course), when Earth scientists have discovered another planet with sentient life — mysterious Dirbanu, whose ambassadors have cut off all communication with Earth after a preliminary visit. As the story opens, the Earth people are host

to two Dirban fugitives known as the "loverbirds," so called because of their obvious public affection for each other. All Earth is charmed by the pair, but when Dirbanu demands their extradition, the government complies in hopes of establishing ties with the planet.

The crew of the spaceship charged with returning the captives is reminiscent of George and Lennie of Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." Rootes, the pilot, is a short, swaggering man, in contrast to his large, taciturn copilot Grunty. Here, Sturgeon pulls a switch on Steinbeck, for in a very poetic manner Grunty is revealed to be a homosexual, in love with

Rootes. The little pilot, who freely uses terms like "fruit," "queer," and "lavender lad," is wisely not made aware of Grunty's reasons for enjoying their long, lonely space missions together.

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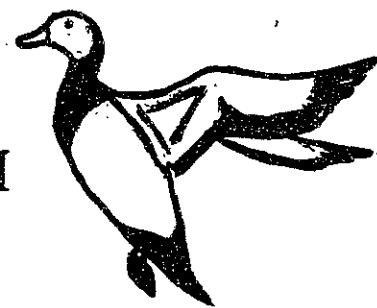
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is about nature of love, sex

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twist of events threatens Grunty's love and livelihood both: the loverbirds turn out to be telepathic, and they know the copilot's secret. (Homosexuality, it seems, is still taboo on Earth.) Rather than give up the spaceflights with Rootes, Grunty decides to kill the aliens while the pilot sleeps, but is deterred when they give him a cryptic message in a series of four drawings. Understanding the message, Grunty sets the lovers free in the ship's lifeboat, probably to escape execution on their home planet; however, he tells Rootes that he did it in order to prevent the pilot from killing them when he figured out the message of the drawings, which revealed a previously unknown fact about Dirban biology: While the male resembles a human male, the female is "tiny, very round, and with grotesquely short arms."

In other words, the loverbirds are both male.

The fun begins when one tries to figure out what, if anything, Sturgeon is trying to say.

Was Rootes correct in assuming that the heterosexual Dirbans did not want homosexuals representing their planet? Did the loverbirds flee to escape a well-known sort of persecution? Maybe, but realize this: The Dirban females little resemble the humanoid males. Is it possible that the female is not sentient; i.e. can do nothing but make babies?

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(This is a completely alien species, remember.) If sex is separable from love, then it should be considered that all of the Dirban civilization is male homosexual.

Well, that complicates things.

What would the ambassador of a homosexual society see on a trip to Earth? First, he'd see a taboo on what he considers the natural order of life. What would these Earthlings think of his home world?

Second, he'd see men who love, of all things, women. Granted that (to them) our women are nearly identical to our men, the very thought of a whole planet of heterosexuals would still seem — atypical? Immoral? Or revolting?

Either way, a break with our little planet seems a likely outcome.

Why did the loverbirds flee to Earth, if not for sexual freedom? Dissatisfaction with home life? Perhaps they broke jail, or owed a lot of money, or stole the spaceship that they arrived in. Maybe they wanted to tell us the truth about their little planet; or wanted to learn more about Earth. Depending on the society involved, any of these could bring a death sentence.

Sturgeon reports that the publication of this story brought him "some of the most startling mail ever received by a heterosexual writer." Back in 1953, few stories (or no stories) would treat a homosexual main character

with any sympathy (surprised?), but science fiction has always been good at dealing with what has not been dealt with before. Fans of the genre may be entertained, but rarely, well, *startled* by any SF that they read, but Sturgeon, an established master, managed to do it. Just the same, the average SF reader would probably have drawn a number of possible conclusions from this story, like I have.

"The World Well Lost" may be found in the MIT Science Fiction Society Library, in the Student Center. It appears in *Universe* and in the collection *Strange Bedfellows*, ed. by Thomas N. Scortia.

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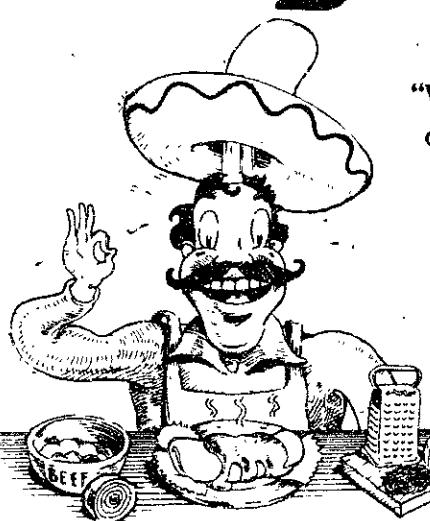
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opinion

Ron Newman

It's up to students to stop the draft

College students and other young Americans could be in for a nasty surprise this summer when Congress begins debate on eight bills designed to revive some form of the military draft. Unless students quickly mount a loud and effective protest against these proposals, we may be faced with a compulsory registration requirement, a limited induction, or something even worse, by the end of 1979.

Since nobody has been drafted in seven years, and nobody has been required to register for the draft since 1975, many Americans now have the erroneous impression that the draft law itself has been repealed. Unfortunately, this is not the case: except for the authority to induct men, which expired in 1973, the entire draft law remains in force. The registration of young men was suspended in 1976 by an executive order of President Ford, not by any law; another executive order could once again require all men to report to local Selective Service offices for registration, classification, and physical examination. President Carter is understandably reluctant to issue such an order himself, but some observers suggest that he would not strongly object if Congress "forced" him into lifting the suspension.

Bills, bills, bills...

Most of the bills now before Congress would do just that. H.R. 23 and S.226 would require the President to begin draft registration by October, of this year, while H.R. 2500 would cleverly delay the start of registration until just after the 1980 election. Two of the bills would go even further, prohibiting the President from suspending registration again for more than 90 days out of any year.

Three other bills — H.R. 1901, H.R. 2404, and H.R. 2078 — would not only revive registration but would also restore the President's authority to order an induction of men (and possibly women as well). The first two bills would actually require such an induction. Finally, Congressman Pete McCloskey's National Service bill (H.R. 2206) and John Cavanaugh's yet-to-be-numbered "Compulsory Service Bill" would force all young men and women to choose between military and civilian service sometime between their 17th and 26th birthdays.

A new national data bank?

Many of the supporters of a new draft appeared to have no more respect for privacy than they have for voluntarism and free choice. H.R. 23 and S. 226 would allow the Selective Service System access to the record of any federal, state, or local government agency in order to compile a list of draft-eligible men. Drivers licenses, voter registration, high school attendance, federal and state tax returns, social security, welfare and unemployment compensation payments, student loans — the list of day-to-day interactions with some unit of government goes on and on. All this and more would be available to local draft boards. MIT and other federally-funded schools could soon be presented with an unhappy choice: tell the draft board who your students are or lose all your federal grants.

May 1 demonstration

Opposition to this torrent of pro-conscription agitation has been slow to stir, but a protest movement is now starting to take shape. In the last month, anti-draft coalitions have been formed on both the local and national levels, focusing initially on a nationwide series of demonstrations scheduled for this Tuesday, May 1. Locally, the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft has called such a rally for Tuesday at noon at Boston's City Hall Plaza. The purpose of the rally is simple: to demonstrate to Congress that any revival of registration will be met with massive resistance and civil disobedience.

Indeed, the prospect of such disobedience could be the only thing that can stop a draft bill. The remnants of the anti-war movement of the late 1960's have been surprisingly slow to respond to the threat of conscription, and many of that movement's liberal allies — including Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas — have jumped on the National Service bandwagon. The timing of hearings for these bills seems designed to ensure that students will have dispersed across the country for summer break by the time the bills come up for a final vote in Congress. If Congress does not hear soon from people in our age group, it will probably conclude that we no longer care whether or not we are drafted — and if we do not care, nobody else will, either.

For more information on Tuesday's rally or the draft, call Leda Cosmides at 498-3068 or 495-3886.

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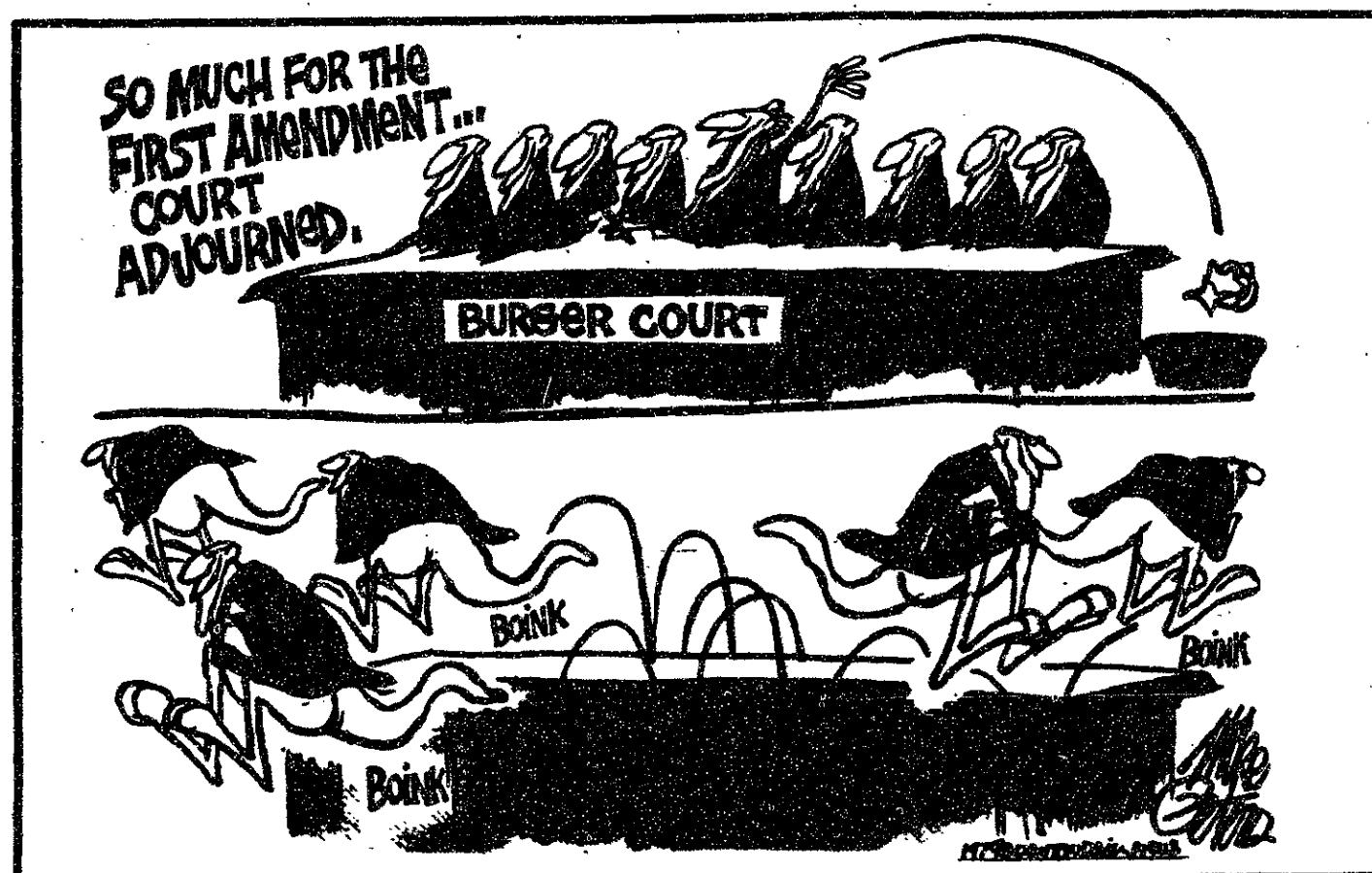
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**USC from Cambridge**

What if MIT lost accreditation?

Editor's note: USC is an infrequent contributor to The Tech.

Howard Johnson was stunned. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges had refused to renew MIT's accreditation. "Well, I guess we'll just have to sell off the place," he muttered to himself. Immediately he contacted a New York advertising agency.

The next week, Johnson saw an ad on the television:

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Soon the letters come pouring in:

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From a drug store chain — "We would like to take over Bexley Hall."

From the US Navy — "We would like to use Building 66 as an icebreaker. Please include with it the Great Sail."

From Pravda — "We would like to purchase Tech Talk."

From a biologist — "We need places to raise cockroaches. I hear Senior House and Lobdell are ideally suited for this."

From Harvard — "We understand that you have stocks in companies that do business with South Africa. Could we take them off your hands?"

From Dartmouth — "We are looking for a new fraternity system. Could you help us?"

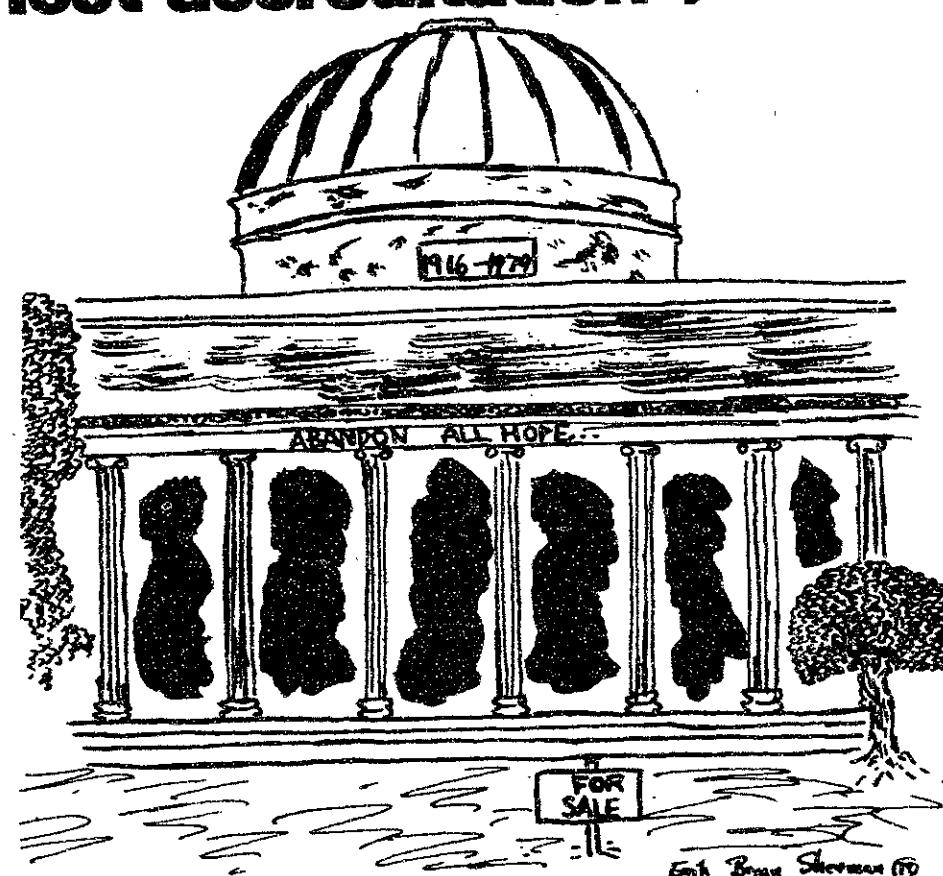
From the City of Cambridge — "We would like to take over the scrap metal dumping ground between the East Campus parallels."

From a hardware company — "We hear you have some people who are good with screws."

From Jimmy Carter — "I think the Great Court is excellent agricultural land. I would like to start a peanut farm there. Bert Lance will take care of the transaction."

From Billy Carter — "I would like to buy the Muddy Charles Pub. Bert Lance will take care of the transaction."

Soon everything was gone. Of course some things were harder to get rid of than others. For instance, it wasn't easy convincing



the Audubon Society to turn over Kresge and use it as a birdbath.

Howard Johnson himself ended up taking over New House. "I can always convert it into a restaurant," he said.

So everything finally disappeared. As Johnson prepared to clean out his office, he kept thinking about the strange ending to MIT.

"I wonder what could possibly happen next?" he thought.

Just then the telephone rang. It was the Accreditation Committee:

"Howard, we accidentally sent you the decision on Harvard. MIT has been reaccredited. Sorry for any trouble this may have caused."

"Oops," said Johnson.

Paul Hubbard**by Kent Massey**

feedback

Moon misunderstood

To the Editor:

I am finishing a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering at MIT. Also, I AM A MOONIE, and it never ceases to amaze me that ignorance, prejudice, and religious bigotry invades even the esteemed atmosphere of MIT. The recent letter entitled "Professors: don't attend CARP event," is just one manifestation of this ignorant attitude. Accusations of "mind control, intimidation, and long term impairment of free will" have no foundation in fact, and simply reveal that the authors of the "open letter" have never met Reverend Moon and have no understanding of the principles he lives by.

I have personally met Rev. Moon and many of his early disciples in the three years since I joined the movement. Rev. Moon's standard of dedication to the cause of worldwide salvation is without parallel in the world, his purity and motivation are beyond reproach. His determination is to liberate mankind from the hellish prison of selfishness to an ideal of unselfish love and care for others, and thereby to liberate God from the grief and suffering imposed upon Him by the fall of man — our deviation from God's true love and true ideal. Because Rev. Moon wants to help us realize our unique individuality as sons and daughters of God and our unique kinship as one family of God, his way of life is a threat to all bigotry, all racism, and all tyranny in this world. Just like Jesus and all the saints and prophets, he is viciously opposed by those who misunderstand, or who simply want to hold onto their own selfish lot.

Rev. Moon advocates change — a revolutionary change in our attitudes toward God and other people: that first we seek to understand God's situation, God's needs, and to comfort God, then, with the heart to comfort our

Heavenly Father, love others even more than we do our own families. Through this change Rev. Moon intends to lead the whole world into the dominion of God's love, thus fulfilling in our lifetimes the dream of God, Jesus, and all men: the realization of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Personally, I am indebted to Rev. Moon for saving my relationship with my parents, for giving me hope and true purpose, and for teaching me the value of a life dedicated to God and others. I therefore urge everyone to seek the truth about Rev. Moon, first hand. I am eternally grateful that I did.

J. Andrew Combs G

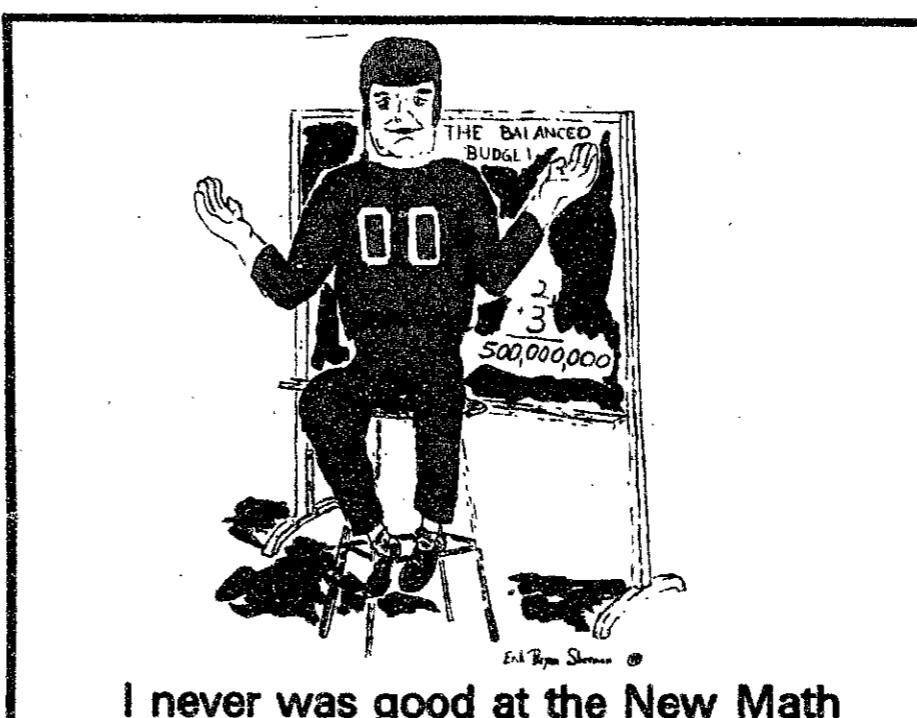
Campus Patrol was doing its job at Dormcon party

To the Editor:

I was extremely appalled at the complete lack of common sense displayed by Mr. George Caan in his letter to *The Tech*. It seems clear that Mr. Caan is unaware of the laws in Cambridge applying to liquor licenses and entertainment licenses.

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Pictures not worth a thousand words

Technique 1979, Volume 95, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William D. Hofmann, Editor-in-Chief. Price \$12.00.

By Gordon R. Haff

Technique 1979 is an example of what happens when you try to be different for the sake of being different, when one tries to pursue variety for the sake of variety and perhaps most of all when you attempt to be artistic for the sake of being artistic.

I feel that this year's *Technique* does not effectively capture the past year. Esoteric architecture and form photos dominate the book, while interesting photos of people are few and far between. In addition, copy is almost never included except when absolutely necessary. It is true that in this respect, this year's book is an improvement over last year's. An attempt was made to include a small amount of copy; unfortunately, the effort wasn't sufficient. Despite some claims to the contrary, in the recent past *Technique* has not devoted great amounts of energy to the written aspect of the yearbook.

Lack of copy is inexcusable for a publication which purports to be a yearbook — the only permanent record most students have of the past year at MIT. It is sometimes claimed that the presence of copy detracts from the photography. This is a very poor attitude for the *Technique* board to adopt, particularly with the 1979

and 1978 books, where many of the photographs are of dubious quality. To say that photographs do not require accompanying copy is ludicrous — even *Life*, whose photo staff I dare say is somewhat better than *Technique*'s, includes copy with their photo essays.

Succinct, well-written copy adds enormously to a yearbook's value. Several of the past decade's books, in particular the 1969 volume which included several essays on the year's events, are the best examples of a photo-text balance. One traditional *Technique* objection to running text is that little of what occurs on campus is worth mentioning, which would imply it isn't worth photographing either, a totally invalid argument. On the contrary, many of the year's events are well worth writing about. This past year saw the resurrection of the football team, the grade deflation controversy and the reaction to apartheid in South Africa.

The high points of recent books have been the union of well-written copy and excellent photography. This year's essay on Munich and the series of professor's essays in the 1977 book stand out as prime examples.

The most disappointing part of this volume, however, is the quality of the photographs themselves. Coming from an organization which prides itself on



Photo by Robert M. Brewster courtesy *Technique*

technical accuracy (frequently spending hours to produce a single print) many of the photos do not measure up as interesting statements. They lack any kind of life, and some of them are technically and artistically mediocre, a problem that has plagued the book for a few years. One must return to the 1976 volume (edited by Paul Hertz) to find photographs with the life and

vitality that gave *Technique* its existing reputation for high quality.

The 1976 book contained many excellent shots of people which most non-photographers and many photographers, myself included, find more interesting than pictures of Coke machines in building 16. Photographs of the type that frequently grace the pages of photography magazines may be aesthetically pleasing to some, but their place in *Technique* (except perhaps in a small section devoted to the photographer's personal favorites) is questionable. This year's situation is worsened by the fact that many of the book's "artistic" photographs fall flat.

Movies

The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob, the MidNite Movie, Saturday night in the Sala.

This week's LSC lineup:

All the President's Men, Fri., 7 & 10, 26-100

The Adventures of Robin Hood (Classic), Fri., 7:30, 10-250.

Revenge of the Pink Panther, Sat., 7 & 9:30, Kresge.

Yellow Submarine, Sun., 6:30 & 9, 10-250.

Despite all its faults *Technique* is still far better than most college yearbooks, which combine boring group photos with grade school writing. The book does display a fair amount of quality photography and layouts, but it is not of the quality we have come to expect from *Technique*. The photographic and literary abilities of the staff could have been molded into a more cohesive whole if only the proper direction had been provided.

on the town

Theatre Kresge Little Theatre. All performances will begin at 8pm. Tickets are \$3 (opening night \$2.50) and may be purchased at the door or in Lobby 10. For reservations call 253-4720.

Music

Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, outdoors at Brandeis. Tickets are \$7.50; for information call 647-2167.

April showers bring the **Patti Smith Group**, May 12. The concert is 8pm at the Orpheum; for ticket information call 482-0650.

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MIT Dramashop presents Henrik Ibsen's *The Wild Duck* as its spring production. The play, to be directed by Professor Joseph D. Everingham, will be performed Thursday through Saturday, May 3, 4 & 5; and Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12 in

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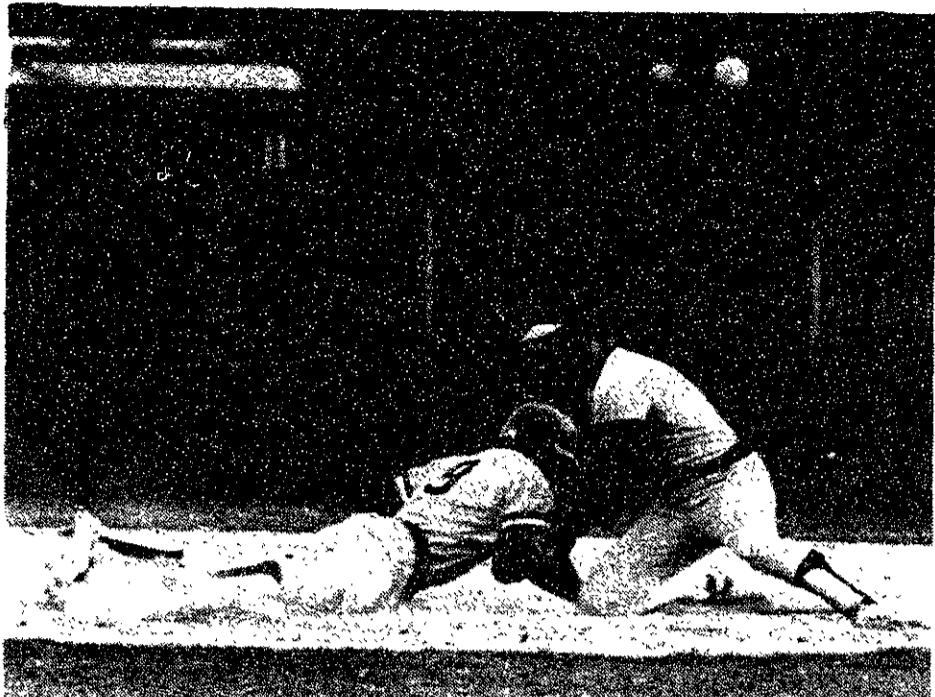
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An MIT baseball player is tagged out in a pickoff play at second during last Tuesday's game against Suffolk. Despite this play, MIT went on to soundly defeat Suffolk. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

Batters top Suffolk, go over .500 mark

By Rich Auchus

The MIT baseball team defeated Suffolk, 7-1, on Briggs field Tuesday and broke the .500 mark at 5-4. In a brilliant pitching performance, George Noll '81, went all the way for the win. Noll scattered seven hits, walked none, and struck out seven.

Suffolk scored first when its first three batters singled, but Noll bore down and pitched himself out of the jam. He retired 17 of the next 18 hitters and pitched a superb game. The Engineers came right back in the bottom of the first and never lost the lead. After a walk, an error, and a sacrifice bunt, Joe Kracunas '79 drilled a double down the left-field line and drove in the first two runs. Carl Nowiszewski '81 followed with a long double up the alley in left-center, scoring Kracunas.

In the second inning, Chuck Souter '82 singled to right, advanced to third on Timmy Garverick's ('80) hit-and-run single, and scored on Peter

Steinhagen's ('79) base hit up the middle. In the fifth, Garverick singled, stole second, and came home on an RBI single by Nowiszewski. With MIT leading 5-1 in the seventh, Garverick started another rally by cracking a double. He moved to third on a base hit by Steinhagen and scored on Kracunas's single. Steinhagen later scored on a fielder's choice.

Garverick went 3 for 4 and scored three runs; Kracunas was 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Steinhagen and Nowiszewski were both 2-for-4, and Nowiszewski knocked in two runs.

Coach Fran O'Brien attributed the victory to the team's all-around aggressiveness. He noted that the team is coming together and will continue to win if the pitching remains strong. The team plays at home today and Sunday before going on a road trip next week. Tech plays some highly-touted teams on this road trip, including the number 1 ranked team in New England, Brandeis.

Sailors take fourth in Boston Dinghy

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Navy in the prestigious Owen Trophy. MIT sailors defeated eleven other schools from the New England and Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Associations in fierce action on Chesapeake Bay. Rossen, with crew Eddie Marcus '81, was low point skipper in the "B" division.

MIT sailors didn't fare as well

on the weekend of April 14-15, finishing only eighth out of 15 in the Friis Trophy at Tufts Yacht Club. MIT posted enough victories in this continuation of fall competition to qualify as one of the four New England schools vying for the two New England berths at the National Team Race Championships in Chicago in June. MIT needs one more vic-

tory in a best of five series over Tufts to eliminate it from further contention. On the same Sunday, Tech took third out of eight, in a Lark Invitational at home, losing another two-level tie-breaker. Also at home, the freshman team took first place over a dozen schools in their own Tech Dinghy Invitational.

Softball running smoothly

By Gordon R. Haff

IM Softball, which with 171 teams once again has the largest participation ever this year, is off to a fine start. Although the first weekend had a number of forfeits because of cold weather and scheduling, the weather has for the most part been excellent, and except for a limited number of rainouts over the Patriots Day weekend, games have been able to follow the schedule quite closely.

This is fortunate since field space is even tighter this year than last. There are 13 more teams this year. In addition, IM softball has lost the women's softball field which Fred Sims '81, the IM softball manager, said is "off-limits" to IM's.

Softball has had a few problems with umpires. According to John Lowell '80, the umpire evaluator, the quality in general has been good, but there aren't enough umps. He added that we "have more good umps than we can afford to pay." This is similar to hockey's situation, where very few refs really deserved to have salaries on the lower end of the pay scale.

Lowell also had some comments about the PE softball umpiring class (which has had lower than anticipated attendance, about 7 people). He said that he felt that the class had improved the abilities of most of the people in it but that it hadn't brought new people into the system — a situation again analogous to the PE hockey class taught two IAP's ago.

Finally, Lowell stated that he wished that more team captains had attended the umpire clinics. He said that "one of the only sources of controversy with officials has been when the captains didn't know the rules."

Thus, softball appears to be riding the pleasant winds of springing smoothly so far. The only incident of any consequence which has yet been brought in front of the IM softball manager is one from a B-league game between

Swing. I quote from the letter:

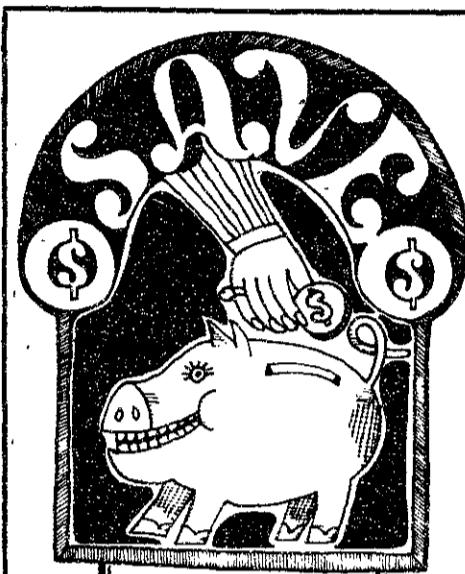
"... The Sultans of Swing were at bat; we were in the field. A bat; we were in the field. A member of their team hit a fly ball directly towards our left fielder. It was, however, an extraordinarily windy day, and the wind, blowing from right field towards left, proceeded to carry the fly ball to the left. It landed foul, about twenty feet foul of the left-field line. We all assumed, of course, that it was a foul ball.

The umpire, however, ruled it a fair ball, claiming that if there had been no wind, it would have landed (or been caught) in fair territory, in left field. Regardless of the fact that the ball landed foul, he claimed it was a fair ball..."

tain had been present at the umpire clinic he should have been well aware of the protest rules.

The above example is not meant to pick on anyone in particular nor to harp on a minor incident but I think that it does demonstrate the necessity of not only having the umpires informed of the rules, but the players as well, particularly the captains. It is a two-way street.

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sports

Two named All-American

By Bob Host

MIT placed two people on the All-American pistol team, it was recently announced. Dave Schaller '79 and Dave Miller '79 were both named to the air pistol team; in addition, Schaller was named to the international style team.

Both shooters were nominated for the team last year, but did not make the team. Of the ten shooters named to each team,

Shaller was the only non-service academy shooter on the international style team. The Naval Academy placed five shooters, West Point three, and the Air Force one.

According to Miller, MIT does well in pistol because of the mental aspect of the sport. Usually, he added, the team finished fourth nationally, behind the three academies.

The two have been selected to compete in the national championship, which is also the US team tryout for the Pan American or Olympic Games. The two believe they have a good chance because the academies will not be sending their best shooters to the competition. Although both agree it would be nice to make the Olympic team, neither one is predicting such an outcome.

Rugby team strong in Beanpot

By Tom Bryant

Editor's note: Tom Bryant is a member of the rugby football club.

In its first appearance at the Beanpot tournament, the MIT rugby football club came up with two strong games, although dropping both, to Boston College and Boston University.

In the first match, Boston College used its wind advantage to pin the Beavers close to the MIT line before scoring the opening try. Just before the half, MIT came back with a powerful rush by the forwards. From a short penalty five meters from the BC line, Joel Lederman G crashed the Eagles' defense with the forwards massed behind him. They were stopped a couple of feet short until two of the MIT backs drove into the maul, sending Lederman across the line and down for his second try of the season. From 15 meters to the right of the posts, Tom Bryant G nailed the convert to give MIT a 6-4 lead at the half.

In the second half, MIT used the gusting wind to drive the ball deep into BC territory. After several desperate defensive stands by the Eagles, MIT won the ball with one of its patented 10-man scrums near the line. Co-captain Mark Leonian G dove across on the short-side from his scrum-half position. Bryant missed the convert and the score stood 10-4. With the wind at MIT's back and BC crumbling, it looked as if the Beavers were headed for the finals. During the last 15 minutes of the 70-minute match, however, the Eagles took advantage of MIT's self-satisfaction and lack of conditioning to come back for 10 points, scoring the winning try at the final whistle. The final score was BC 14, MIT 10.

In the other first round game, BU ran into a very experienced Harvard side. Despite scoring

first, BU was routed 36-4. Thus BU and MIT met for the consolation game.

As in the BC match, MIT fell behind with the wind in its face. BU scored one try (unconverted) and a long field goal for a 7-0 lead at halftime, despite fairly balanced play. The second half opened auspiciously for the Beavers as Bryant's kick-off rolled into touch within feet of the BU goal. The ensuing line-out resulted in a rare steal by MIT. Lederman fed Ken Murphy '79 and the forward pack drove him across for the try. When Bryant converted from the touch line, the score was 7-6. Again, everything looked set for an MIT victory.

and again, BU managed to hold the Beavers out with superb defense. Despite spending almost the entire half inside BU's 10 meter line, the Beavers were unable to obtain enough consistent possession to drive the winning points across. Thus, despite the two best games of the season, and the two closest results, the Beavers came out short both times. The squad continues in preparation for the New England Collegiate Tourney next weekend at UMass (Amherst), the Harvard Business School Sevens the following week, and the New England championships after that.

Sailors start season with impressive performances

By Gerry Swinton

The men's varsity sailing team has completed four weekends of regattas, and has finished strongly in almost all events, winning two Lark Invitational.

On the weekend that began spring break, Tech had a heartbreaking loss to Tufts in defense of the Geiger Trophy. Slight slips by MIT in the final two races of the regatta allowed Tufts to tie MIT. Under the current tiebreaker system, since MIT and Tufts were tied 10-10 in one-on-one competition, Tufts was awarded the trophy, having finished first in more races. Tech clearly dominated the remainder of the strong field of schools, which included Harvard, Brown, and Coast Guard Academy (CGA). Team captain Lenny Dolhert '79 won the Lark "A" division, and Eliot Rossen '79 was first in the Tech Dinghy division. The same weekend, led by a first place in

"B" division by Bill Dalton '80, MIT captured first place out of eight in a Lark Invitational at home.

On the next weekend, MIT sailors competed in the oldest college regatta, the Boston Dinghy Cup, hosted this year by the Harvard Yacht Club. MIT finished fourth after Kings Point of New York, Tufts, and BU, in a fifteen school field with entries drawn from three east coast intercollegiate sailing association districts. MIT defeated Navy, the number two team in the country (MIT is currently number 14). On Sunday, April 1, first place finishes by Bates McKee '79 in the "A" division, and Bruce Gage '79 in the "B" division, gave Tech first place in a fourteen school field in a Lark Invitational at Tufts' Mystic Lake.

The next weekend at Navy, MIT finished second to host

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An MIT Lacross player (in white) gets off the ground in action against Babson last Tuesday. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

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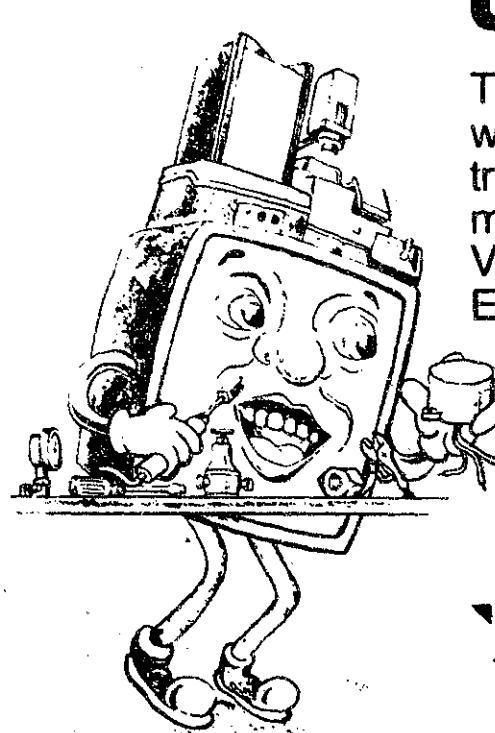
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